

**James Maher to Andrew Jackson, February 21, 1845,  
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1 James Maher was public gardener at the White House while Jackson was President.

Washington, February 21, 1845.

My Dear General, Years may roll around, but I cannot under any and every circumstance forget you. May God preserve you and grant you eternal happiness, is the wish of an honest heart. I shall not trouble you with a long letter. Therefore have only to say that your last letter (long time ago) I have carefully taken care of. I wrote to you once since and I am truly grieved that I did not know it ever reached you. But I am fully persuaded you ought to be excused inasmuch as your reported health has been so delicate.

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Our new president-elect is in town but I am so humble a man that I have kept a loof. I am not acquainted with him but console myself with the expectation as he is an old acquaintance of yours—that, that is enough. The “natives” save the mark have been making great efforts against me 2 but I do hope they will not hurt me.

2 Maher was no doubt a “foreigner”, Irish.

I hear monthly concerning you thro’ Major Lewis and Col: Broom’s son, and if I could but once see you I assure you it would afford me great happiness. I am grateful to you and ever shall. Do send me one line for God’s sake that I may keep it.

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Mrs. Maher and children unite with me in affectionate regard, not in words, but truly for Gods peace and a happy hereafter.

I have the honor to remain Sir with humble respect your Humble servant